



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

July 31, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-001681

Dear Forest Gregg (Muckrock):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on July 6, 2023, in which you seek “records sufficient to determine the number of voluntary employee union recognitions from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. If available, please provide records about individual recognition with such fields as employer, location, description of bargaining unit, union, and size of unit, and any other non-exempt fields on Form NLRB-5581.” You assumed fees for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on July 6, 2023.

A search of the Agency’s electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted, in addition to a search of the electronic spreadsheet records maintained by the Agency’s Division of Operations-Management for each Regional office for the purpose of recording voluntary recognition (VR) cases. These searches produced the requested data fields for VR cases filed with the Agency from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, which is being provided to you in the attached Excel spreadsheet. Please note that this data represents only the voluntary recognitions that are reported to the Agency; there is no Agency rule or regulation mandating that voluntary recognitions by employers be reported. Your request is, therefore, granted in full.

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category C, as a representative of the news media, in that you qualify as a person “actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public.” NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(vii). Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact Jodilyn Breirather, the FOIA Specialist who processed your request, at (414) 930-7208 or by email at Jodilyn.Breirather@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency’s FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA

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Specialist, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

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1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20570
Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nrlb.gov
Telephone: (202) 273-0902
Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
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Sincerely,

/s/ Synta E. Keeling

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (one Excel spreadsheet)